PMGSY roads in villages of Uttaranchal

†1899. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Vyas-chatti-devprayag road, patti-manyarsun of Uttaranchal is in progress under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Vyas-chatti-devprayag road was proposed to be connected with silsu kota, silsu etc. villages but now the same work is not being done;

(c) whether Government are aware that it will be very much advantageous to connect many villages like silsu kota with the Vyas-chatti-devprayag road; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The State Govt. has reported that the Vyas-chatti-devprayag road is being connected with minium distance alignment and that there is no provision in the alignment of this road to connect villages Silsu and Kota. The villages do not qualify the minimum population criteria prescribed under the PMGSY.

Schemes for water conservation

†1900. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch any scheme to encourage water conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States in which this scheme has been launched; and

(d) the budgetary provision made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

A proposal to launch a new intiative to be called *"Pradhan Mantri Grameen Jal Samvardhan Yojana (PMGJSY)"*, aimed at addressing issues related to water harvesting and water conservation in the critically drought affected areas of the country is under consideration of the Government.

Schemes for Women

1901. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development which have women as targeted beneficiaries;

(b) whether there has been any compaign to create awareness of such schemes/programmes among the rural women; and

(c) the details of roles assigned to Panchayats/NGOs to identify such groups/individuals qualifying for assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The major schemes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development having women's Component include the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY).

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development has been undertaking Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness amongst the target groups including women, through the various modes of communication viz., Doordarshan Programmes, Radio Programmes, Newsletters, Leaflets, Booklets in Hindi, English and Regional Languages.

(c) Panchayats, through Gram Sabha, play an important role in identification and selection of beneficiaries including women beneficiaries in specially convened meetings while NGOs act as facilitators for social mobilization and group formation.

Supreme Court's directives with regard to SGRY

1902. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: